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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### MAD RIVER BRIDGES PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

**Eureka** – Caltrans has announced that the Mad River Bridges project on Route 101 in Humboldt County will be entering the next stage of construction. Central Avenue will soon be accessed from northbound Route 101 using a new exit at the northern end of the northbound bridge. To accomplish this transition, the northbound Central Avenue exit (Exit 718) will be closed from 8 p.m., Monday, August 6 through 6 a.m., Tuesday, August 7 and motorists are advised to use an alternate route.

According to Caltrans Resident Engineer Tom Fitzgerald, a long term access closure to Route 200/North Bank Road from both Central Avenue and northbound Route 101 will be in effect as crews construct the new Route 101/200 separation. This closure is expected to be in effect until the end of August. As an alternate route, motorists traveling south from McKinleyville may reach Route 200/North Bank Road by driving south on Route 101, exiting at eastbound Route 299 (Exit 716 A), and proceeding to Route 200/North Bank Road (Exit 2). Northbound travelers on Route 101 should also exit at eastbound Route 299, and proceed to Route 200/North Bank Road.

Golden State Bridge is the contractor with Mercer Fraser Company sub-contracting earthwork and paving. For more information about the Mad River Bridges project, please contact Caltrans Resident Engineer Tom Fitzgerald at 707-496-6614.

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